

EQUIPMENT AT COINTRIN AIRPORT

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SWISS GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING SCS-51 EQUIPMENT AT COINTRIN AIRPORT, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

THE SWISS GOVERNMENT AGREES:

1. To operate and maintain the SCS-51 equipment continuously in a manner adequate for the air traffic operating into and away from Cointrin Airport, Geneva, where this equipment is now located, and along the recognized international air routes converging on that airdrome; and, in order to insure the standard of service, the Swiss Government agrees to abide by approved International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards of operation¹ unless changed by other international agreement to which the Governments of the United States and Switzerland are parties. Allowance is to be made, of course, for possible unavoidable interruption of the continuous operation which may result from breakdown in the equipment; but every effort will be made to repair any electrical or mechanical defects of the equipment as soon as may be possible.
2. To install and place into operation parts of the SCS-51 equipment not yet installed as soon as the necessary special parts already ordered will have been delivered and assembled. It is understood that in the interest of safety of air traffic every possible step will be taken to hasten the putting into operation of the whole equipment.
3. To provide the full service of the SCS-51 to all aircraft on a non-discriminatory basis.
4. To continue the operation of SCS-51 equipment in its original location at Cointrin Airport, Geneva, or at a new location mutually agreed upon between the Governments of the United States and Switzerland until this equipment may be replaced in accordance with standards promulgated by

¹ See interim agreement opened for signature at Chicago Dec. 7, 1944 (EAS 469), *ante*, vol. 3, p. 929.

the International Civil Aviation Organization or until it is determined by the Governments of Switzerland and the United States that there is no longer need for the original equipment.

5. To authorize the United States air carrier or the Civil Aeronautics Administration of the United States to designate a technical advisor to assist and advise the agency designated by the Swiss Government to operate the SCS-51 so far as it relates to the safety and efficiency of the operation of United States aircraft, and in conformity with approved International Civil Aviation Organization standards of operation. This designation is to continue as long as it is useful to the United States air carrier. The Swiss agency will not, however, be bound to act on the advice given should it be found contrary to Swiss interests.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THROUGH EITHER THE UNITED STATES ARMY OR THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION OR A DESIGNATED PRIVATE AGENCY AGREES:

1. To include in the sale of the basic installation one year's supply of maintenance parts and expendable supplies to the extent that the Theater's surplus stocks permit.

2. To do everything possible to assist the Swiss Government or its representative in purchasing through regular commercial channels maintenance parts and expendable supplies for the operation of the SCS-51.

Done at Bern in duplicate this 30th day of April, 1947.

For the Government of Switzerland:

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Louis Clerc, Chief
Federal Air Office

For the Government of the United States of America:

LELAND HARRISON

Leland Harrison
American Minister